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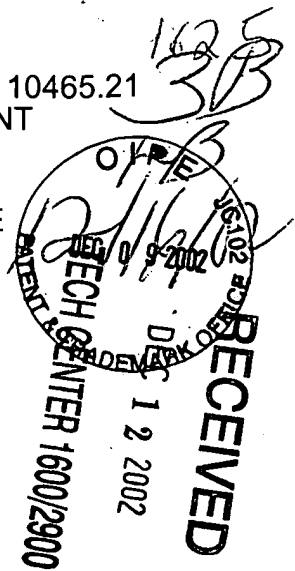
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT B

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SIR:

Supplementing Preliminary Amendment A filed February 6, 2002, prior to examination in the above-identified application, please make the following amendments:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

On page 3, lines 4-11, please replace the paragraph with the following:

B1 -- In one embodiment, R_2 is an ester ($R_{2a}C(O)O-$), a carbamate ($R_{2a}R_{2b}NC(O)O-$), a carbonate ($R_{2a}OC(O)O-$), or a thiocarbonate ($R_{2a}SC(O)O-$) wherein R_{2a} and R_{2b} are independently hydrogen, hydrocarbyl, substituted hydrocarbyl or heterocyclo. In a preferred embodiment, R_2 is an ester ($R_{2a}C(O)O-$), wherein R_{2a} is aryl or heteroaromatic. In another preferred embodiment, R_2 is an ester ($R_{2a}C(O)O-$), wherein R_{2a} is substituted or unsubstituted phenyl, furyl, thienyl, or pyridyl. In one particularly preferred embodiment, R_2 is benzoyloxy. --.

On page 3, line 34 though page 4, line 18, please replace the paragraph with the following:

B2 -- While R_9 is keto in one embodiment of the present invention, in other embodiments R_9 may have the alpha or beta stereochemical configuration, preferably